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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING REFTEL.
2. WE TALKED TO VELEK AT CZECH EMBASSY, AND HE WAS UNDER IMPRESSION WHEN HE LEFT PRAGUE THAT GOC WANTED AN AGREEMENT. OUR GUESS HERE IS THAT THEY WANT AN AGREEMENT IN THE SENSE THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE TO TERMINATE IT; HENCE, THE SUGGESTION TO SIMPLY LET THE PRESENT AGREEMENT EXPIRE IN 1977.

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3. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES (MFA) TO BRING OUR AGREEMENTS INTO CONFORMITY WITH ITS MORE LIBERAL PROVISIONS, OR TERMINATE THEM. THEREFORE, THE MINIMUM WE CAN DO IS TO EXCHANGE NOTES TO BRING THE CURRENT AGREEMENT INTO CONFORMITY. WE CANNOT SIMPLY MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO.

4. SINCE WE MUST DO SOMETHING, WE WOULD PREFER TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT, REPLACING IT WITH THE CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM (REFTEL B) THAN TO KEEP IT AND BRING IT INTO CONFORMITY. WE SEE THIS AS A MORE LIBERAL ACTION WHICH IS MORE IN KEEPING WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE MFA.

5. THEREFORE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO URGE GOC TO RECONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL TO REPLACE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM, IN LINE WITH REFTEL B. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT IF GOC IS WILLING, THAT WE SEND DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND CONCURRENCE. ONCE THEIR CONCURRENCE OBTAINED, WE WILL FORWARD AUTHORIZATION TO EXCHANGE NOTES. KISSINGER

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